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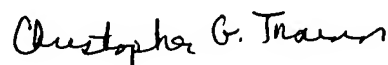
Claims 21-41 are currently pending in this application. By this amendment, Claims 21 and 34 have been amended to correct typographical errors. Claim 32 has been amended to further distinguish Claim 32 of this application from Claim 26 of commonly owned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/529,800, and Claims 39-41 have been added to this application. Claims 39-41 depend either directly or indirectly from Claim 32 and recite additional features of the presently disclosed tool assembly for which Applicants seek protection.

As discussed in the Amendment filed on September 10, 2007, Applicants believed that each of the claims remaining in this application prior to this amendment was in condition for allowance. Since no additional art has come to Applicants' attention which would change Applicants' belief, Applicants believe that the claims now remaining in this application, i.e., Claims 21-41, are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims pending in this application, namely Claims 21-41, are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early and favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone or personal interview may facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, she is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's attorney at the number indicated below.

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